GAMES

Magazine

MACKEREL

IT'S

dothepe

WACKY WORDIES

LET'S HAVE

a
e p
s p
u l
a

AND

G O S P E L

WHAT'S A WACKY WORDIE?

In 1979, little typographic word puzzles began arriving in the GAMES mail. These "Wacky Wordies" seemed to be circulating everywhere, from hand to hand as well as by mail.

Ever alert to catch the latest wave of national frenzy before it crests, GAMES editors made up some Wacky Wordies and published a page of them. When readers sent more, we published another page. And another. Over the years, we've printed a few hundred of the many thousands that readers have sent in. And although each time we protest "No more" it's a good bet we'll keep on printing Wacky Wordies as long as readers continue to puzzle us with them. (We send a much-coveted GAMES T-shirt to any reader who submits a Wacky Wordie that we print in the magazine.)

The object of a Wacky Wordie is to discover the familiar word, phrase, or proper name represented by its arrangement of letters and/or symbols. The example below left illustrates the phrase "circular reasoning," and the one below right depicts "mixed bag." Both answers should give you a good idea of why Wacky Wordies are so addictively challenging, and of why the cover message reads: "Holy mackerel! It's the inside dope on Wacky Wordies. Let's have a round of applause and spread the gospel."

G R E A S O N I N

agb

bopper

1

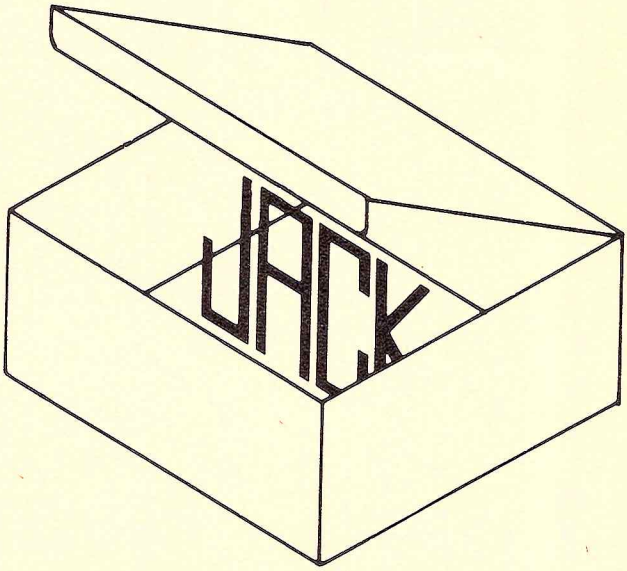
c m r e a

ban ana

2

PAINS

3



4

school

5

MAN
campus

6

t
o
n

2 par

7

worl

8

좋아
OK

sight love
sight
sight

10

tr ial

11

```
 TTTT TTTTTT TTTTT  TT TTTTT
TT  TT  TT  TT  TT TT TT  TT
 TT     TT  TT  TT TT TT  TT
  TT    TT  TTTTT  TT TTTTT
   TT   TT  TT  TT TT TT
TT  TT  TT  TT  TT TT TT
 TTTT   TT  TT  TT TT TT
```


my own heart a person

lo head
heels ve

14

you just me

15

gone gone
let be
gone gone

16

bridge
water

17

go off coc

18

PROMISE

19

head ache

20

✓

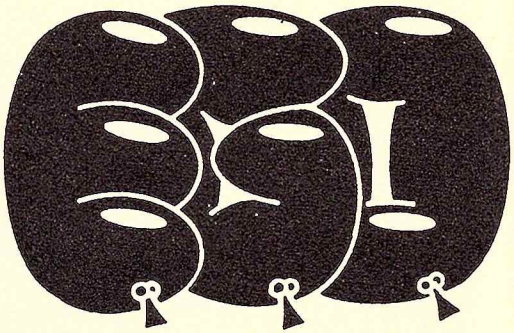
yearly

21

M O N I T O S E

22

OVATION



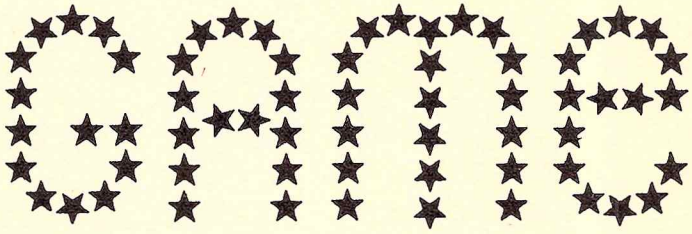
league

oholene

26

world
world
world
world

27



28

pace ~~e~~ k

29

breth

30

eggs
easy

31

sπky

32

mesnackal

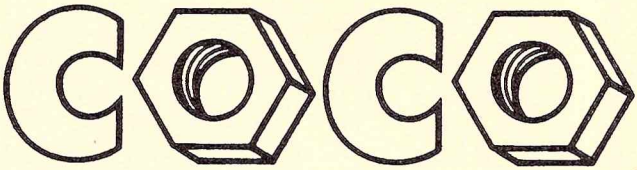
33

sesame

34

d
s r
k i
n
house

35



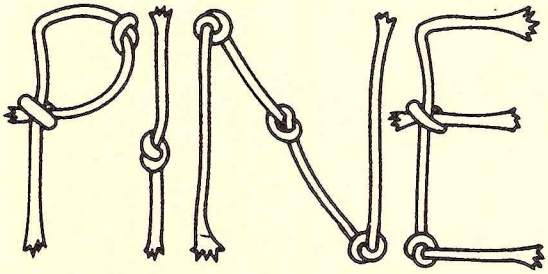
36

everything pizza

37

chicken

38



39

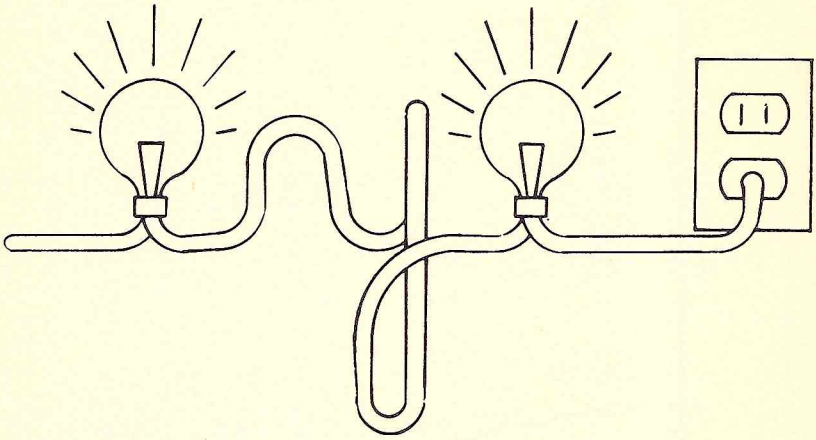
hou se

40

house

prairie

41



42

c c
garage
r r

43

wheel
wheel
wheel
wheel
drive

44

bus
bus

45

TRN

46

way yield

47

L
D
Bridge

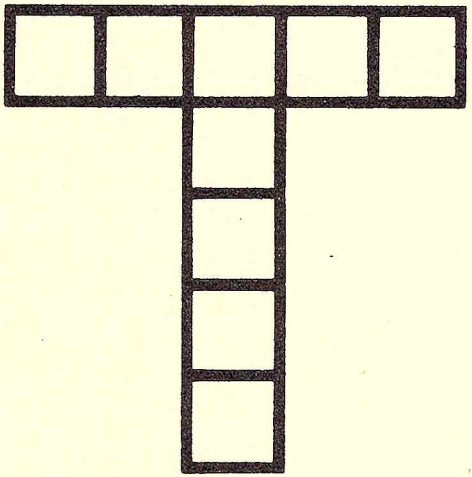
48

r
o
rail
d

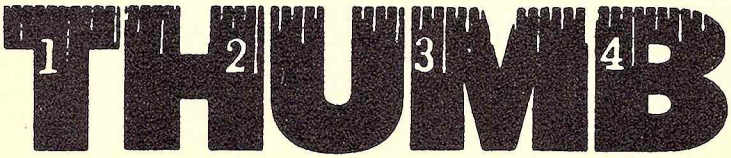
49

ettr
i
k
p
cit

50



51



52

morning

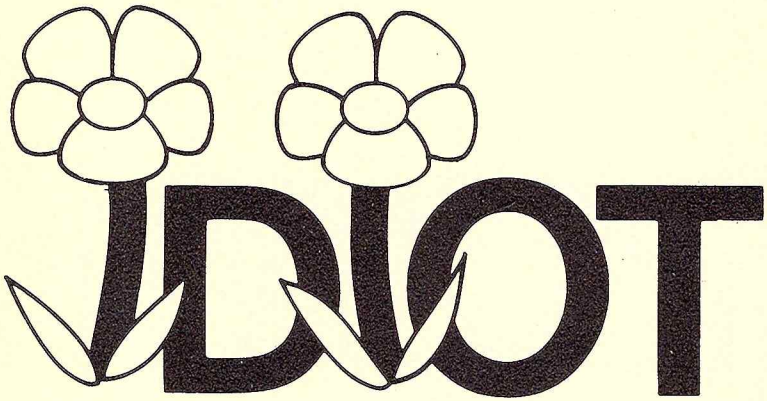
53

age
a g e
age

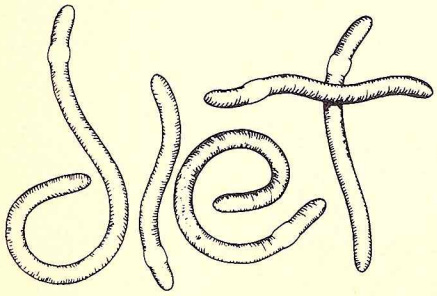
54

NINIH

55



56



57

ping **willow**

58

VIOLETS

LEAGUE

strich groound

61

Sheepdog

62

ooo circus

63

D
UC
K

64

orseman

65

R	R	R	R	D
O	O	O	O	N
U	U	U	U	U
N	N	N	N	O
D	D	D	D	R

66

sugar

Please

67

milk

68

power

69

black

HOPE

bathing suit

71

dipping

72

73

74

75

O

MD
BA
PhD

76

wheather

77

cy cy

78

clou

79

wear
long

80

momanon

81

I + T < WHOLE

82

income]

83

bet one's

dollar

84

budget

85

CANCELLED

86

inflat10n

87

shrif

88

ME ME ME
AL AL AL day

89

the market

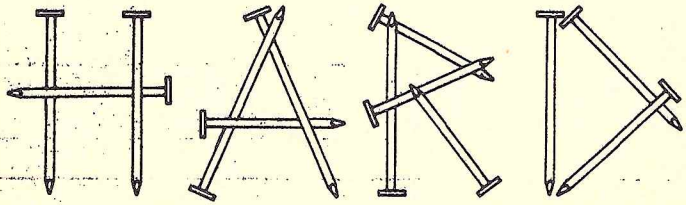
90

skating
ice

91

law of returns

92



93

3. O
2. U
1. T

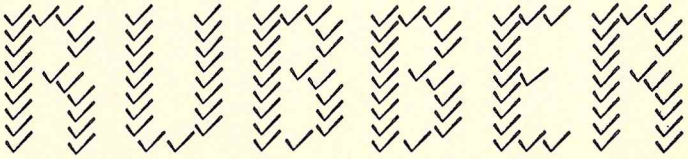
94

lu cky

95

r−i×s+k

96



97

1.D
2.R
3.A
4.C
5.U
6.L
7.A

98

ho
ho
+ho

99

T
T
+T
3T

100

e

a

v

e

s

101

hand
hand
hand
deck

102

gettingitall

103

injury + insult

104

clams
shε

105

12safety345

106

i o

t

i n n

a f

l

107

prosperity

108

neegr
geren
ngree
regen

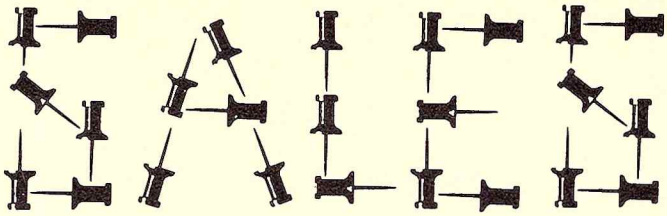
109

price

111

counter

110



112

at the · of on

113

no ways it ways

114

or
or O

115

lo ose

116

encounters
encounters
encounters

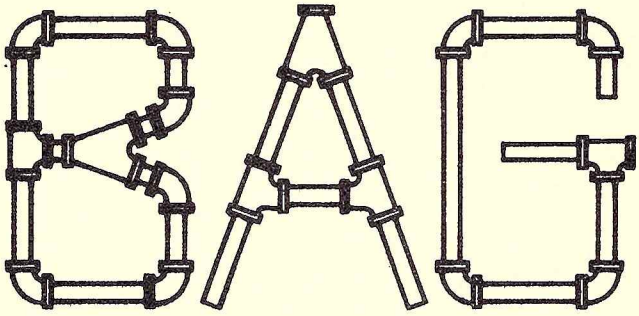
117

L
+ O
SS

118

Symphon

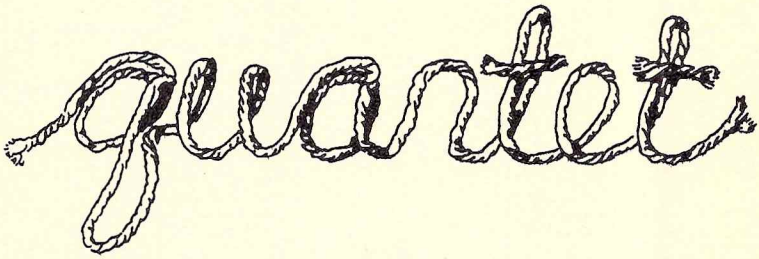
119



120

TU>LOIP<S

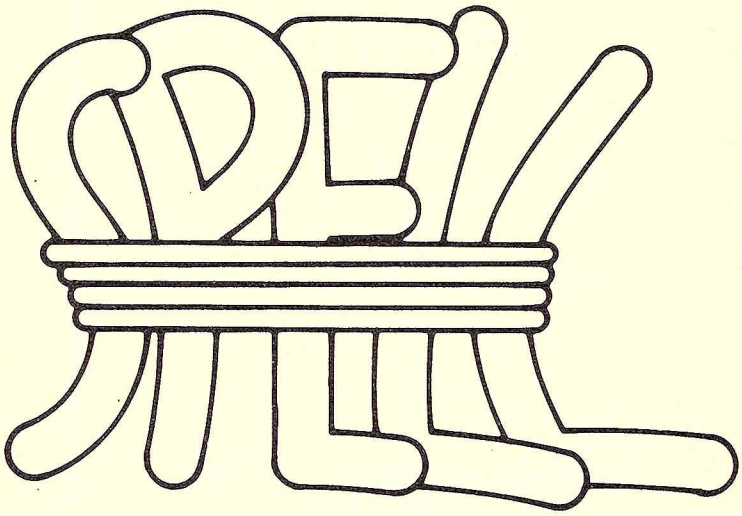
121



122

MOON SONATA

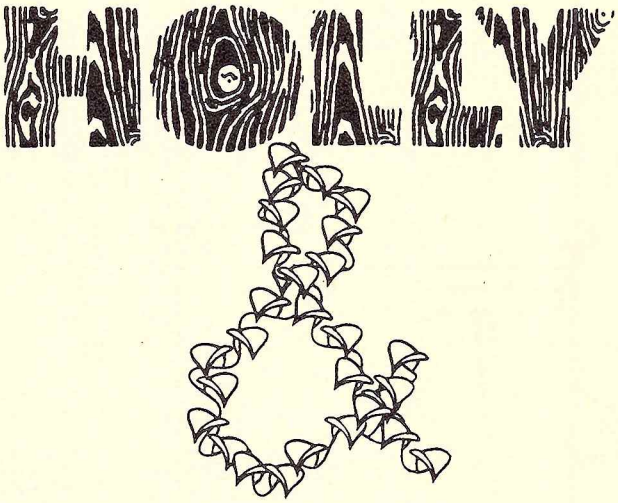
123



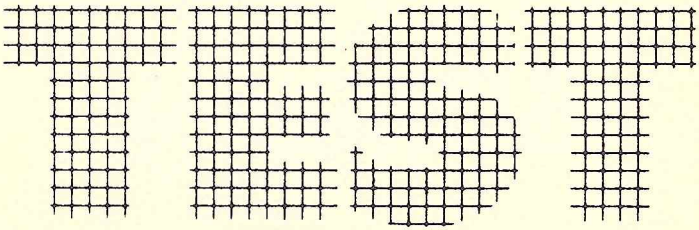
124

gossip

125



126



127

H-O-P-E-S

128

cry
milk

129

SOMething

130

e e q
u a l
s m c

131

eyebrows

132

a
e p
s p
u l
a

133

tongue
ngue

134

set one's teeth

135

-attitude

136

told
told tales

137

get a word in

138

belt
hitting

139

strokes

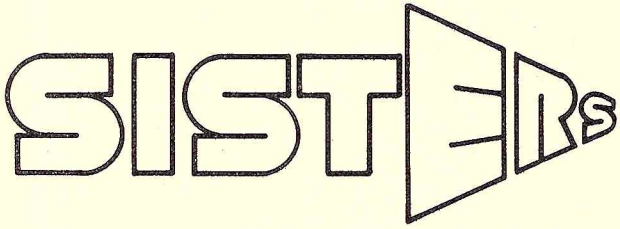
strokes

strokes

140

dictnry

141



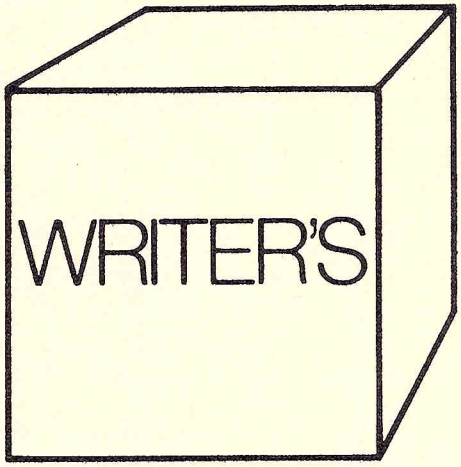
142

writer's

143

ma√il

144



145

FEVER

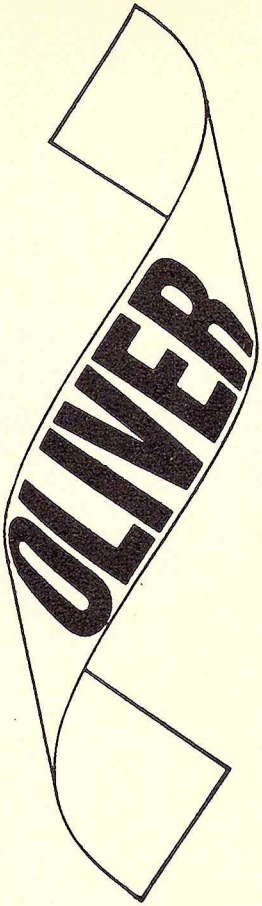
146

ieieceiie

147

EILNPU

148



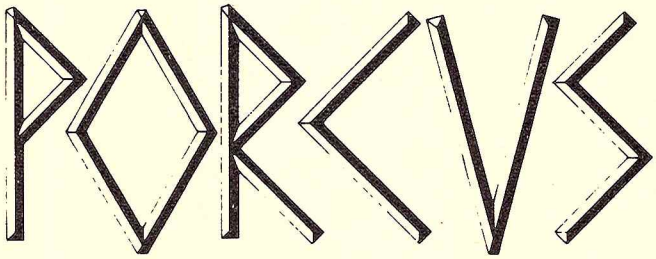
149

danc
t e
s c
etno

150

tpmerhao

151



152

often

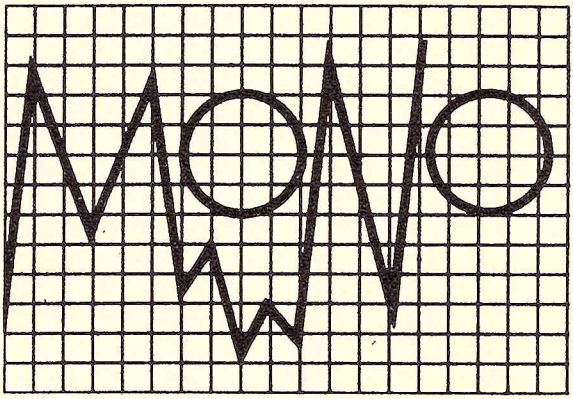
not

often

not

often

153



154

stereo

155

wave radio

156

O

TV

157

SROLLS

158

159

swear
bible
bible
bible
bible

160

g o s p e l

161

gnitteg da wn

162

1 at 3:46

163

TILL IME

164

noon good

165

the x way

166

167

night fly

168

timing tim ing

169

hold
second

170

day

171

day

late never

172

age beauty

173

ld block

174

hair

175

century

176

sigh

177

SHOT

178

socket

179

180

pölkä

181

. that's

182

pnuorhd

183

S T I N K

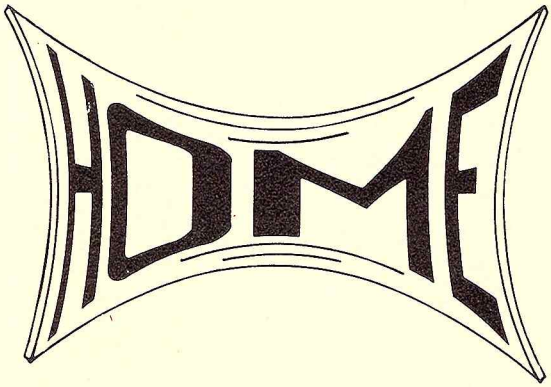
184

185

new leaf
187

Wilson
186

pineapple cake
188



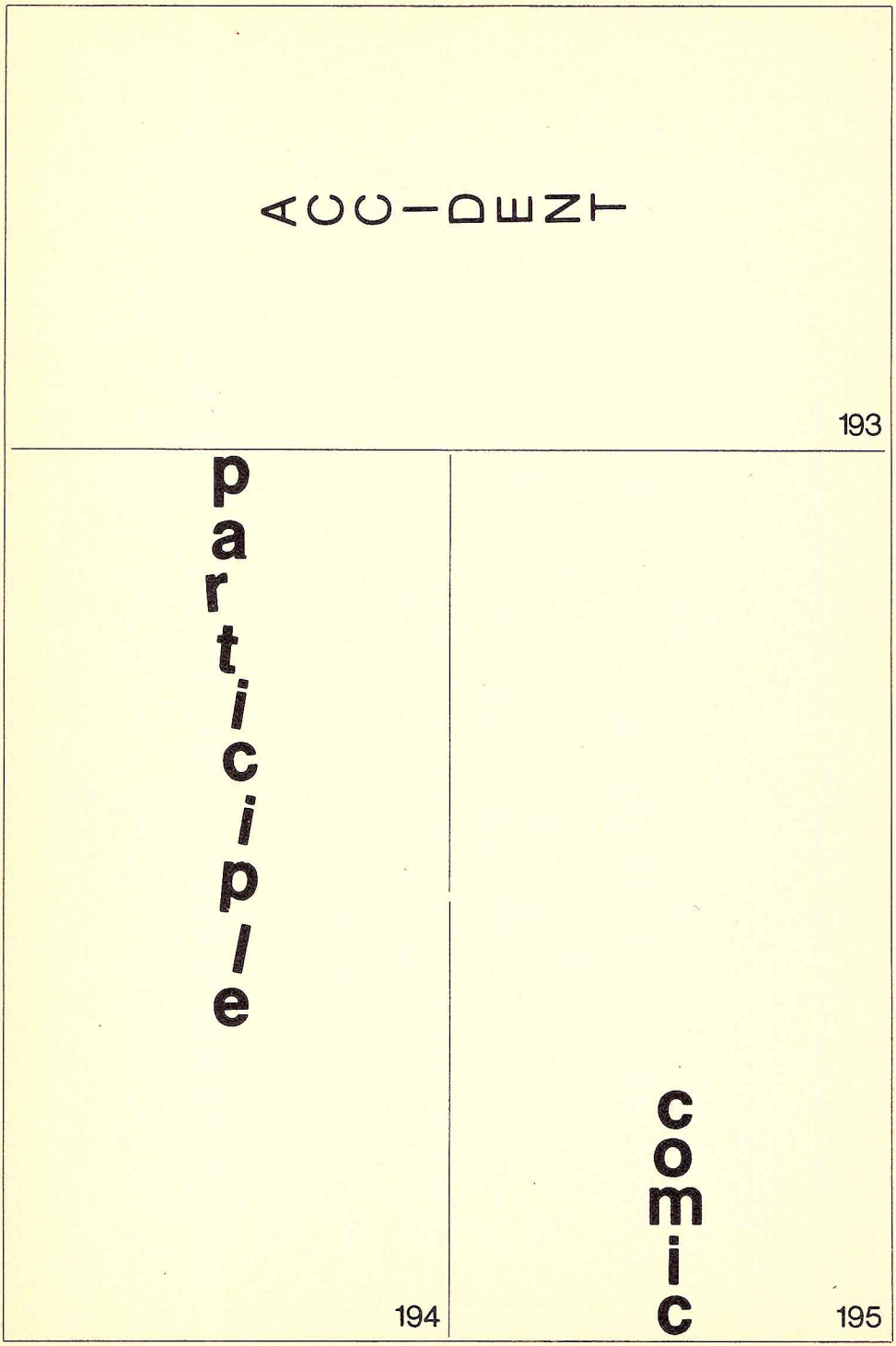
189

TORTILLA

190

escape

MIRROR


193
participle
194
comic
195

animation

196

to earth

197

aluminum

198

what must

199

y fireworks

200

joke

201

L V O R E E A T

202

L
Y
I
N
G
JOB

203

search

and

204

arrest
you're

205

enemy enemy

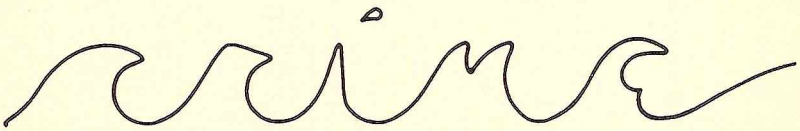
206

ri
poorch

207

PAST

208



209

lines reading lines

THE PLOT

ca se
case

212

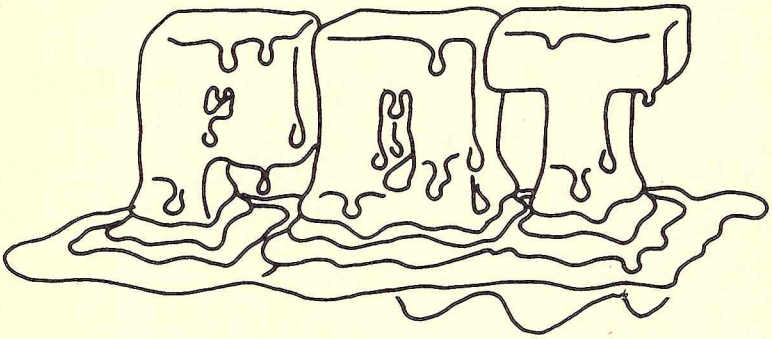
a chance n

213

dothepe

214

215



216

s
t
one

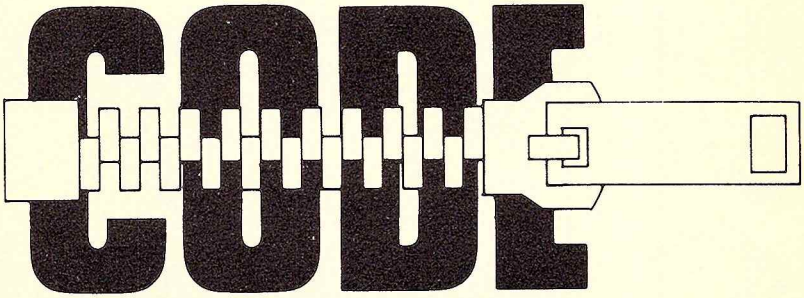
217

God
nation

218

right = right

219



220

hoRN

221

rifle
rifle
rifle
rifle

222

"Duty!"

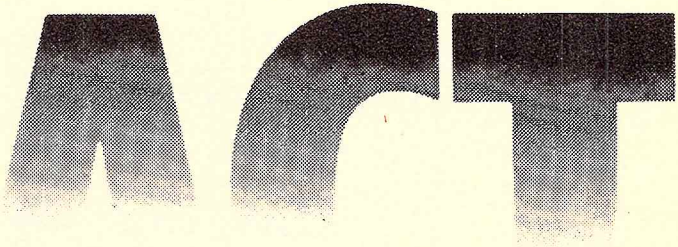
and beyond

hearted

225

THUMB

226



227

busines

228

sitting
world

229

jink jink jink

230

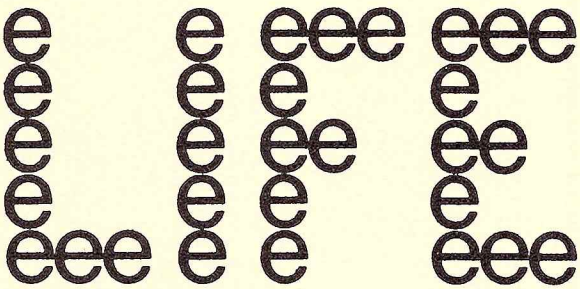
231

¼¼¼¼¼

232

flight of

233



234

word YYY

235

m ce
m ce
m ce

236

pit

237

harm
on
y

238

B

A E

D U M R

239

VAD ERS

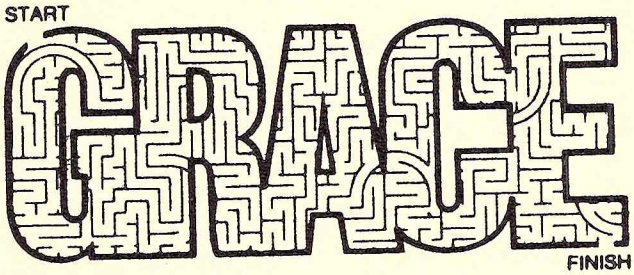
240

MACKEREL

241

n p y o m c a

242



243

hoppin

244

Footwork

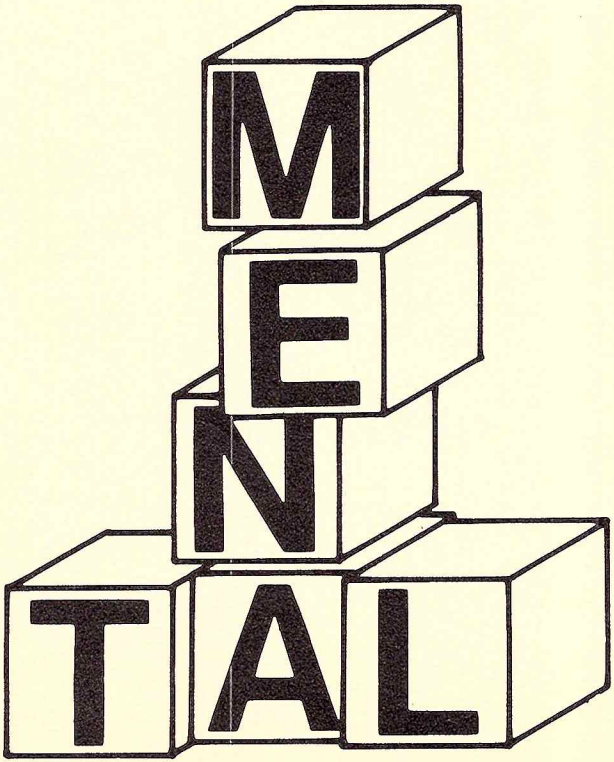
goodbye

245

246

Answers

1. Teeny-bopper
2. Banana split with whipped cream on top
3. Growing pains
4. Jack-in-the-box
5. High school
6. Big man on campus
7. Not up to par
8. World without end



Answers

9. Spiral notebook
10. Love at first sight
11. Trial separation
12. Strip tease
13. A person after my own heart
14. Head over heels in love
15. Just between you and me
16. Let bygones be bygones
17. Bridge over troubled water
18. Go off half-cocked
19. Broken promise
20. Splitting headache
21. Yearly checkup
22. Mixed emotions
23. Standing ovation
24. Inflated ego
25. Little League
26. Hole-in-one
27. World Series
28. All-star game
29. Change of pace
30. A little out of breath
31. Eggs over easy
32. Pie in the sky
33. Between-meal snack
34. Open sesame
35. Round of drinks on the house
36. Coconuts
37. Pizza with everything on it
38. Chicken Little
39. Knotty pine
40. Split-level house
41. Little House on the Prairie
42. Electric Eye
43. Two-car garage
44. Four-wheel drive
45. Double-decker bus
46. No U-turn
47. Yield right of way
48. London Bridge
49. Railroad crossing
50. Round-trip ticket
51. T-squares
52. Rule of thumb
53. Top of the morning
54. Middle age spread
55. Bottom of the ninth
56. Blooming idiot

Answers

57. Diet of worms
58. Weeping willow
59. Shrinking violets
60. Ivy League
61. Ostrich with its head in the ground
62. Old English Sheepdog
63. Three-ring circus
64. Sitting duck
65. Headless Horseman
66. The last round-up
67. "Pretty please with sugar on top"
68. Condensed milk
69. Power blackout
70. The Great White Hope
71. Topless bathing suit
72. Skinny-dipping
73. Curlicues
74. George Burns
75. Heat wave
76. Three degrees below zero
77. A terrible spell of weather
78. Cyclones
79. Partly cloudy
80. Long underwear
81. Man in the moon
82. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts
83. Upper (or high) income bracket
84. Bet one's bottom dollar
85. Balanced budget
86. Cancelled check
87. Double-digit inflation
88. Short shrift
89. Three square meals a day
90. Corner the market
91. Skating on thin ice
92. Law of diminishing returns
93. Hard as nails
94. Outnumbered three to one
95. Lucky break
96. Calculated risk
97. Rubber checks
98. Count Dracula
99. Tally-ho
100. Teetotal
101. Eavesdropping
102. All hands on deck
103. Getting it all together
104. Add insult to injury

Answers

105. Clams on the half-shell
106. Safety in numbers
107. Spiraling inflation
108. Prosperity is just around the corner
109. Mixed greens
110. Checkout counter
111. The Price Is Right
112. Sales tax
113. At the point of no return
114. No two ways about it
115. Double or nothing
116. Cut loose
117. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
118. Total loss
119. Unfinished Symphony
120. Bagpipes
121. "Tiptoe Through the Tulips"
122. String quartet
123. Moonlight Sonata
124. Spellbound
125. Gossip column
126. Hollywood and Vine
127. Screen test
128. Dashed hopes
129. Cry over spilt milk
130. Start of something big
131. $E=mc^2$
132. Raised eyebrows
133. Round of applause
134. Forked tongue
135. Set one's teeth on edge
136. Negative attitude
137. Twice-Told Tales
138. Get a word in edgewise
139. Hitting below the belt
140. Different strokes
141. Abridged dictionary
142. Pointer Sisters
143. Writer's cramp
144. "The check is in the mail"
145. Writer's block
146. Spring fever
147. "I before E except after C"
148. Line up in alphabetical order
149. Oliver Twist
150. Square dance contest
151. Mixed metaphor
152. Pig Latin

Answers

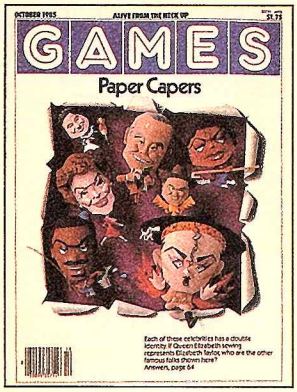
153. More often than not
154. Monograph
155. Stereotyped
156. Short-wave radio
157. Nothing on TV
158. Dead Sea Scrolls
159. "Roger, over and out"
160. Swear on a stack of Bibles
161. Spread the gospel
162. Getting up before the crack of dawn
163. One at a time
164. Till the end of time
165. Good afternoon
166. Way behind the times
167. Counterclockwise
168. Fly-by-night
169. Split-second timing
170. Hold on a second
171. Day in and day out
172. Better late than never
173. Age before beauty
174. Chip off the old block
175. Receding hairline
176. Turn-of-the-century
177. No end in sight
178. A Shot in the Dark
179. Light socket
180. Striped bass
181. Polka-dotted
182. That's beside the point
183. Inverted pyramid
184. Raise a big stink
185. Lying in wait
186. Flip Wilson
187. Turn over a new leaf
188. Pineapple upside-down cake
189. Home stretch
190. Tortilla Flat
191. Narrow escape
192. Full-length mirror
193. Accident-prone
194. Dangling participle
195. Stand-up comic
196. Suspended animation
197. Down-to-earth
198. Aluminum siding
199. What goes up must come down
200. Fourth of July fireworks

Answers

201. Side-splitting joke
202. Elevator out of order
203. Lying down on the job
204. Search high and low
205. You're under arrest
206. Archenemies
207. Steal from the rich and give to the poor
208. Checkered past
209. Crime wave
210. Reading between the lines
211. The plot thickens
212. Open-and-shut case
213. An outside chance
214. The inside dope
215. Shadow of a doubt
216. Melting pot
217. Cornerstone
218. One nation, under God, indivisible
219. Equal rights
220. Zip code
221. Little Big Horn
222. Repeating rifle
223. Above and beyond the call of duty
224. Chief of staff
225. Light-hearted
226. Thumbscrews
227. Disappearing act
228. Unfinished business
229. Sitting on top of the world
230. High jinks
231. Panic button
232. Close quarters
233. Flight of fancy
234. Life of ease
235. Word to the wise
236. "Three Blind Mice" (without their i's)
237. Bottomless pit
238. Three-part harmony
239. Bermuda Triangle
240. Space Invaders
241. Holy mackerel
242. Mixed company
243. "Amazing Grace"
244. Shopping center
245. Fancy footwork
246. Waving goodbye
247. Mental blocks

If you enjoyed this **book** from GAMES, why not enjoy the **magazine** that created it?

ENJOY GAMES YOURSELF



Allow 4–8 weeks for delivery of first issue. For foreign and Canadian orders, add $3.00 for 9 issue offer, $6.00 for 18 issue offer.

☐ Yes, send me 9 monthly issues of GAMES for $11.97—saving me 24% off the single copy price. If I'm not satisfied with GAMES after the first issue, I may cancel my subscription and not owe anything.

☐ Send me 18 monthly issues of GAMES for $19.97—that saves me 37% off the single copy price. (Same risk-free cancellation privilege applies).

☐ Payment enclosed ☐ Bill me later

Name _____

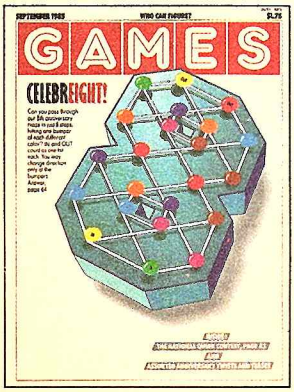
Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

For Fast Service Call 1-800-852-5000 Ext. 913 JDB33

SHARE GAMES WITH A FRIEND



Allow 4–8 weeks for delivery of first issue. For foreign and Canadian orders, add $4.00 per year, please.

12 ISSUES FOR $15.97

My Name _____

My Address _____

My City _____

State _____ Zip _____

☐ Payment enclosed ☐ Bill me later

SEND GIFT TO:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

For Fast Service Call 1-800-852-5000 Ext. 913 WDB38

NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

BUSINESS REPLY CARD
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 6484 DES MOINES, IOWA

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

GAMES

P.O. Box 10147
Des Moines, Iowa 50347-0147

NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

BUSINESS REPLY CARD
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 6484 DES MOINES, IOWA

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

GAMES

P.O. Box 10147
Des Moines, Iowa 50347-0147

GAMES
MAGAZINE
515 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10022